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**THE INCREDIBLE**

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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

# HOUSE OF M

Bruce Banner has a secret side, a personality that hides behind his unassuming exterior. In times of stress and rage he transforms into something more than human: he becomes a hulking monster capable of incredible mayhem and destruction, putting those close to him in the path of certain harm.

After years of emotional turmoil and self exile, he seeks to calm the fierce dichotomy of his life and repress his inner ferocity so that he may—once again—live not as a monster, but simply a man...in the warm embrace of peace...a piece he found with a tribe of Aborigines called the True People.

But the peace was soon interrupted as a near by A.I.M. refugee camp was attacked by the mutant dictatorship that rules Australia proper led by the fascist, Exodus, forcing Hulk to defend the tribe and consider an alliance with A.I.M.

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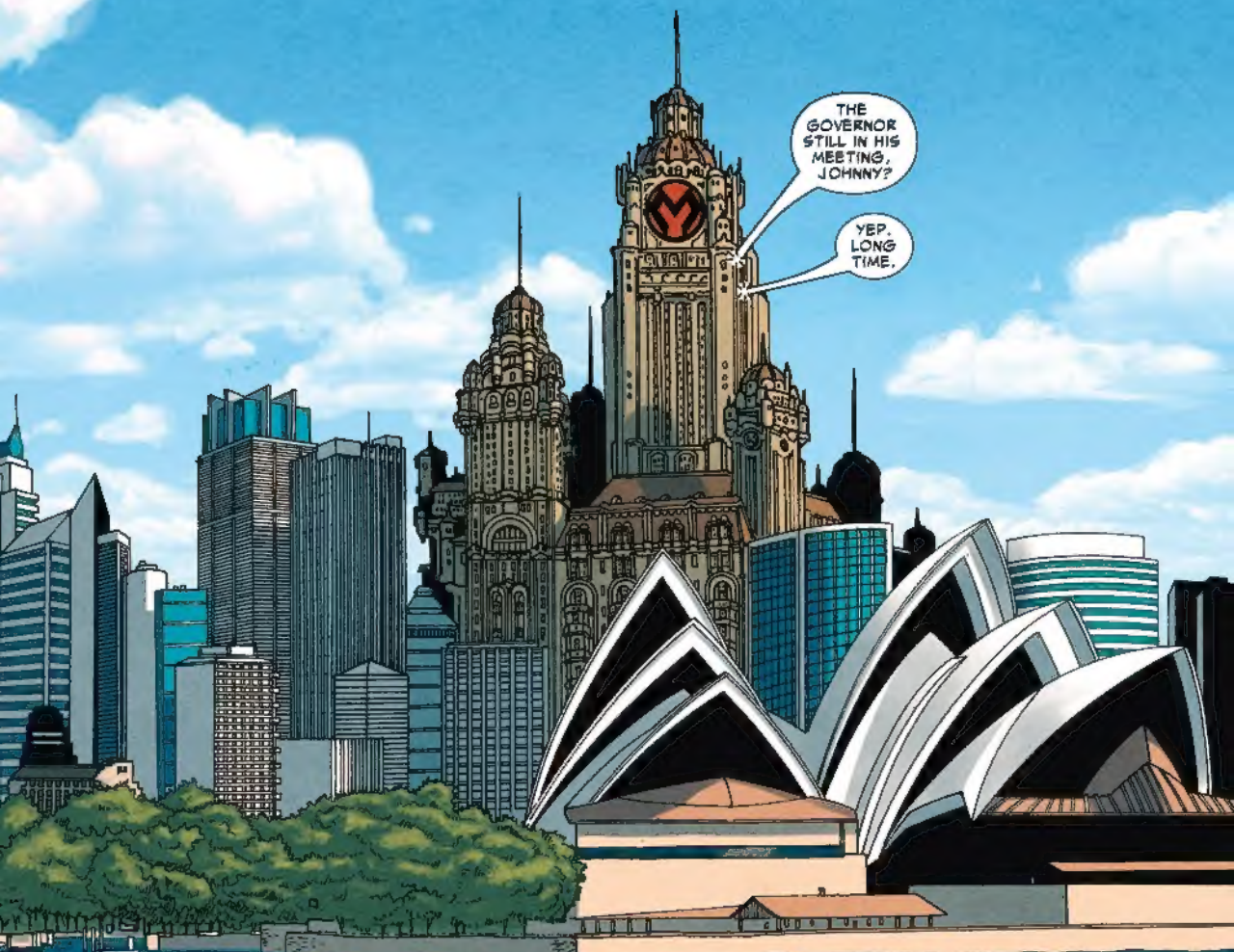
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THE GOVERNOR STILL IN HIS MEETING, JOHNNY?

YEP. LONG TIME.



I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD JUST GENERATE FLAME LIKE THAT.

CAN'T. THIS IS LEFT OVER FROM A MATCH I LIT FIVE MINUTES AGO. JUST SEEING HOW LONG I CAN KEEP 'ER JUMPIN'.

WEIRD.

WHY WEIRD?



I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE SOMETHING SO... DELICATE.



I USED TO WRITE GOTHIC ROMANCES, MATE. I GOT MORE LAYERS THAN A PARFAIT.



YOU OKAY? THE GOVERNOR TOSSED YOU AROUND PRETTY BAD.

I'VE HAD WORSE. THING IS, HE CAN FLIP ME LIKE A POKER CHIP, STILL WON'T CHANGE THE FACTS...





THOSE  
FACTS  
BEING...?

GO ON.  
SAY IT, PYRO.  
YOU KNOW  
YOU WANT TO.  
YOU SAID IT  
ALREADY--

IN TRYING  
TO PURIFY AUSTRALIA  
OF REFUGEE AND  
REBELLIOUS HUMANS, WE  
SHOULD HAVE STEERED  
CLEAR OF THE  
ABORIGINES.

BECAUSE,  
AS IT TURNS OUT,  
THE HULK TOOK UP  
RESIDENCE WITH A NATIVE  
TRIBE IN THE NORTHERN  
TERRITORY AND REGISTERED  
HIS DISPLEASURE IN  
THE TRADITIONAL  
WAY.

HULK  
SMASHED.

YES,  
VANISHER. HULK  
SMASHED.

THE  
RESULT BEING THAT  
UNUS THE UNTOUCHABLE  
IS HOSPITALIZED. OUR  
DARWIN FORCES ARE IN  
DISARRAY...

...THE HULK  
HAS APPARENTLY  
JOINED FORCES  
WITH A.I.M., OF  
ALL THINGS...

...AND,  
FOR ALL WE  
KNOW, IS HEADING  
HERE TO SYDNEY  
TO CONFRONT  
US.

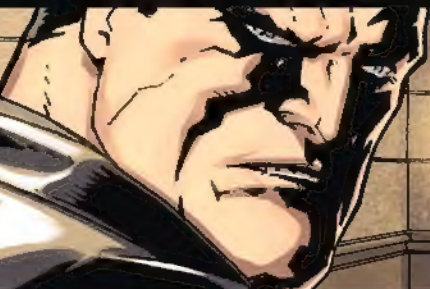
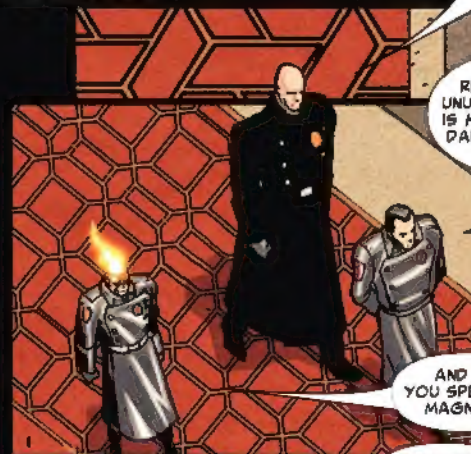
AND DID  
YOU SPEAK TO  
MAGNETO?

YES.

APPRISED  
HIM OF THE  
SITUATION?  
ASKED FOR HIS  
HELP?

AGAIN,  
YES.

AND...?



HE SAID, "I  
WARNED YOU TO  
STAY AWAY FROM  
THE ABORIGINES.  
GOOD LUCK."





STILL,  
THERE'S A LOT OF  
TERRAIN BETWEEN THE  
NORTHERN TERRITORY AND  
HERE. IF THE HULK AND  
COMPANY ARE CROSSING  
IT, WE'LL SEE THEM  
COMING.

ISN'T  
THAT RIGHT,  
CONNER?

ABSOLUTELY,  
GOVERNOR.



SO FAR, EVERY  
SKYCAM WE'VE  
LAUNCHED INDICATES  
NOTHING WITHIN  
FIVE HUNDRED  
MILES.



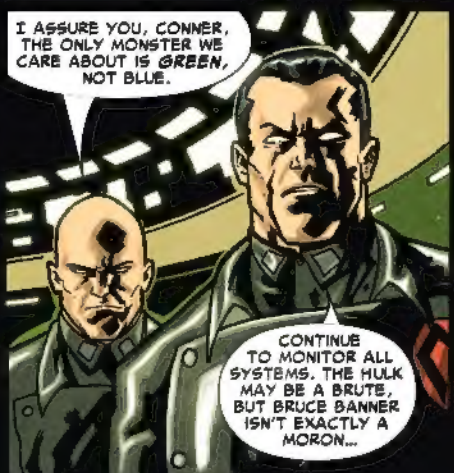
THERE'S OTHER  
WAYS THAN LAND  
OR AIR.

TRUE  
ENOUGH.  
WHAT ABOUT  
AQUATIC  
APPROACH.  
CONNER?



CLEAR SO  
FAR, WE THOUGHT  
WE HAD A SONAR  
CONTACT OF A LARGE  
SUBMERGED BOAT IN  
THE INDIAN OCEAN,  
OFF PERTH...

...BUT IT  
TURNED OUT  
TO BE A WHALE.  
BLUE WHALE--A  
REAL MONSTER,  
JUDGING FROM  
THE PINGS  
WE--



I ASSURE YOU, CONNER,  
THE ONLY MONSTER WE  
CARE ABOUT IS GREEN,  
NOT BLUE.

CONTINUE  
TO MONITOR ALL  
SYSTEMS. THE HULK  
MAY BE A BRUTE,  
BUT BRUCE BANNER  
ISN'T EXACTLY A  
MORON...





# TERRA INCOGNITA PART 2



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ASTOUNDING.  
AMAZING.



ACTUALLY,  
DR. RAPPACCINI,  
I THINK THE WORD  
YOU'RE LOOKING  
FOR IS...

...INCREDIBLE.

BUT...HONESTLY!  
GRABBING HOLD OF A  
WHALE, STEERING HIM ALONG  
THE COURSE WE WANT TO  
FOLLOW, USING THE ANIMAL  
FOR COVER AND TO PULL  
US ALONG...



IF I  
WEREN'T  
SEEING IT  
MYSELF...IT'S  
THRILLING,  
WITNESSING  
IT...

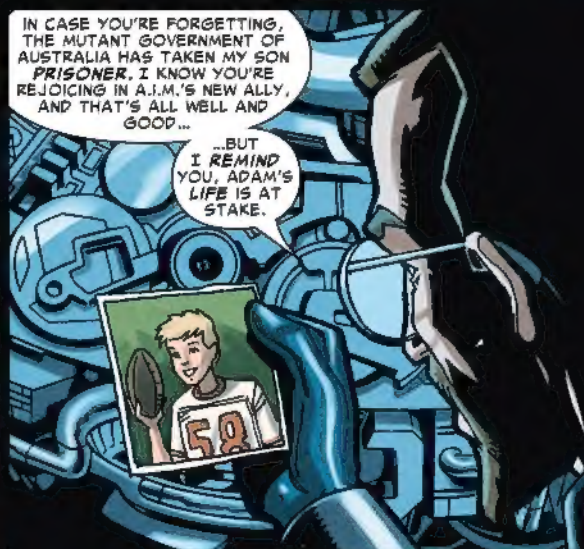
PARDON ME IF I  
DON'T SHARE YOUR  
ENTHUSIASM.

WHAT?  
DOCTOR  
ISAACS...



IN CASE YOU'RE FORGETTING,  
THE MUTANT GOVERNMENT OF  
AUSTRALIA HAS TAKEN MY SON  
PRISONER. I KNOW YOU'RE  
REJOICING IN A.I.M.'S NEW ALLY,  
AND THAT'S ALL WELL AND  
GOOD...

...BUT  
I REMIND  
YOU, ADAM'S  
LIFE IS AT  
STAKE.



AND I REMIND YOU, DOCTOR,  
THAT MY DAUGHTER, THASANE,  
RISKS HER LIFE AS "SCORPION"  
IN EVERY BATTLE FOR HUMAN  
LIBERATION WE FACE...

...WHILE YOUR "SON"  
IS, IN REALITY, A  
GLORIFIED TOASTER  
OVEN.

SO  
LET'S GET A  
GRIP, SHALL  
WE?



THANKS  
FOR THE  
REMINDER.







"QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE VESSEL YOU HAVE HERE, DOCTOR RAPACCINI."

"THANK YOU, DOCTOR BANNER. AND PLEASE, MAKE IT 'MONICA'..."



THROUGH HERE, PLEASE.

WELL, THEN...I'M BRUCE.

PLEASE EXCUSE MY STARING, BRUCE. THE TRIBAL DESIGN YOU'RE WEARING... IT IS MOST IMPRESSIVE. WHAT DOES IT SIGNIFY?



VERY NICE.

WELL, WE MAY BE HUMANKIND'S LIBERATORS ON THE RUN, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T HAVE A LITTLE CIVILIZATION NOW AND THEN.



IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION...

...IT REPRESENTS LEARNING. GROWTH. THE WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE.

REALLY, CURIOUS.

WHY "CURIOUS?"

WELL, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING...



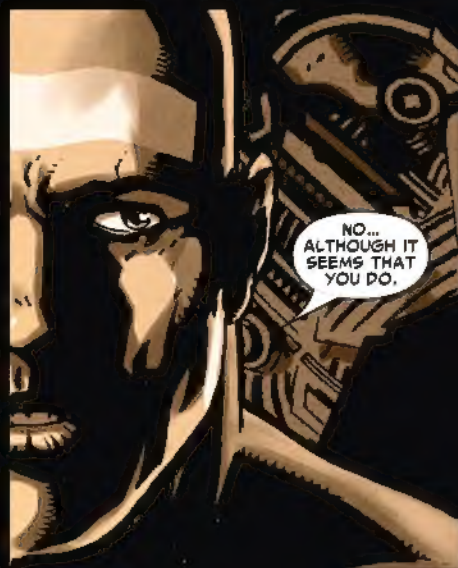
...YOUR BEST-KNOWN CHANGE IS HARDLY A WILLING PROCESS.

OR AM I WRONG? HAVE YOU AND YOUR ALTER EGO REACHED A RAPPROCHEMENT?



MY "ALTER EGO" IS MY SUPPRESSED RAGE. HOW CAN ONE REACH RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THAT?







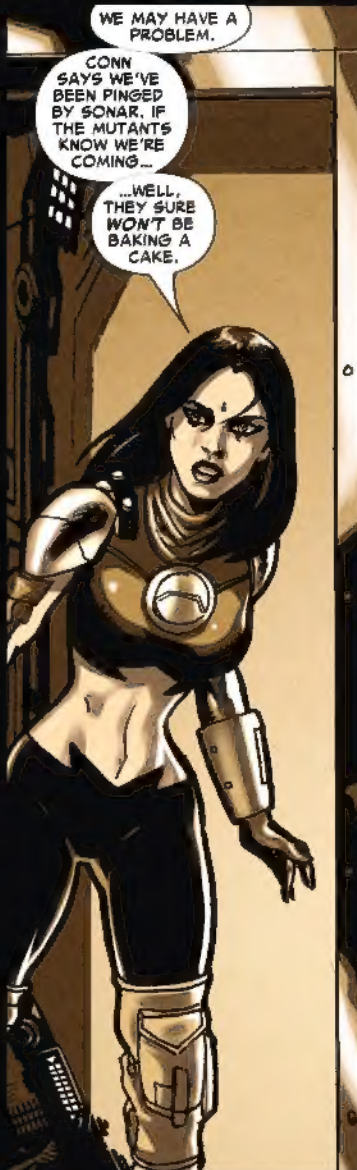


YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, BRUCE. SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER FEEL INCLINED...

...NOT TO QUESTION SOMETHING?



MOTHER...



WE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM.

CONN SAYS WE'VE BEEN PINGED BY SONAR. IF THE MUTANTS KNOW WE'RE COMING...

...WELL, THEY SURE WON'T BE BAKING A CAKE.

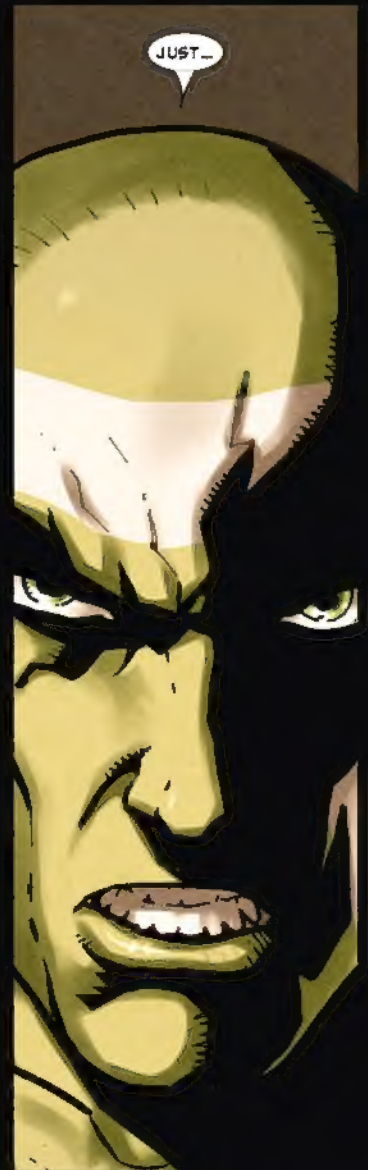


I THOUGHT I HEARD WHALE SONGS WHILE STANDING BY THE HULL EARLIER. DID I...?

YEAH. THERE'S A POD JUST OFF OUR--

STEER US TOWARD THEM. ONCE WE'RE THERE, PREPARE TO KILL THE ENGINES.

BUT...



JUST...









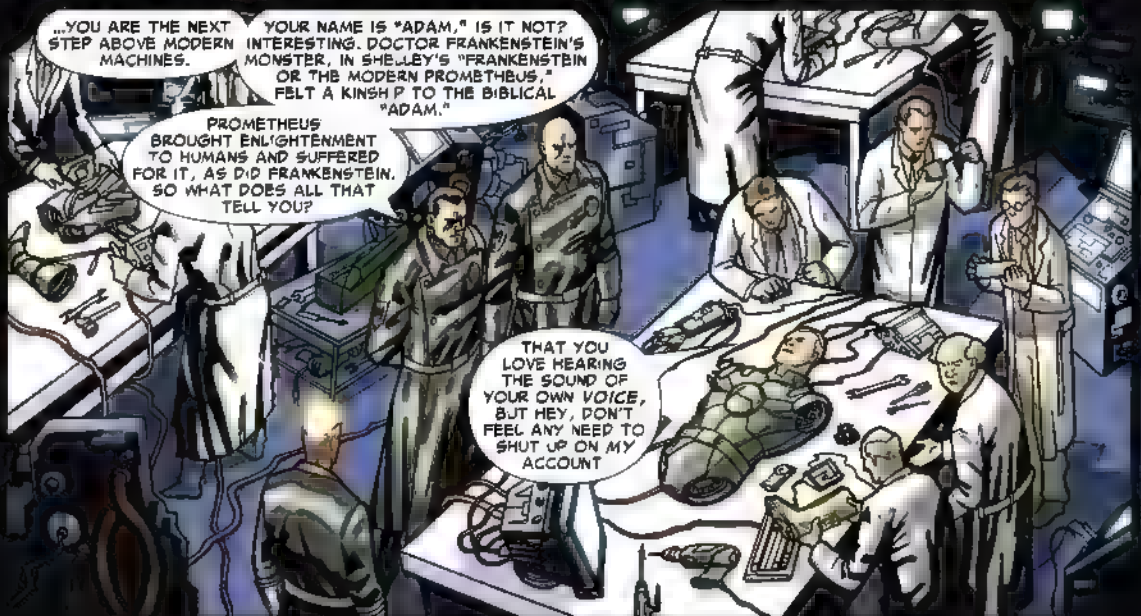




YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THIS ENCOUNTER, BOY.



WE NEEDN'T BE ADVERSARIES. JUST AS WE ARE THE NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP ABOVE HUMANS...



...YOU ARE THE NEXT STEP ABOVE MODERN MACHINES.

YOUR NAME IS "ADAM," IS IT NOT? INTERESTING. DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER, IN SHELLEY'S "FRANKENSTEIN OR THE MODERN PROMETHEUS," FELT A KINSHIP TO THE BIBLICAL "ADAM."

PROMETHEUS BROUGHT ENLIGHTENMENT TO HUMANS AND SUFFERED FOR IT, AS DID FRANKENSTEIN. SO WHAT DOES ALL THAT TELL YOU?

THAT YOU LOVE HEARING THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN VOICE, BUT HEY, DON'T FEEL ANY NEED TO SHUT UP ON MY ACCOUNT





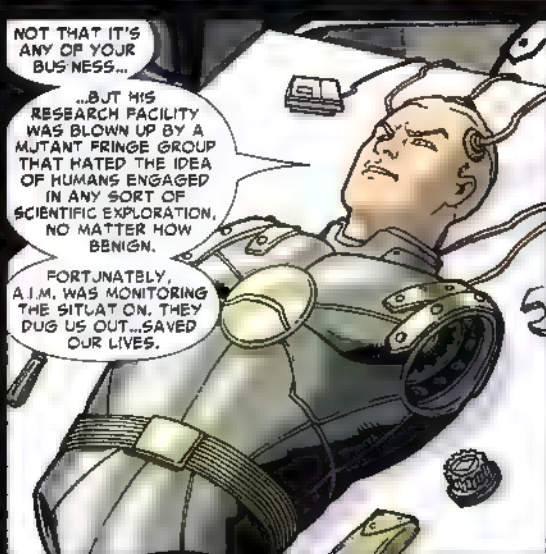
I'M CURIOUS. HOW DID THE SCIENTIST WHO MAINTAINS YOU--



MY FATHER. HE'S MY FATHER.



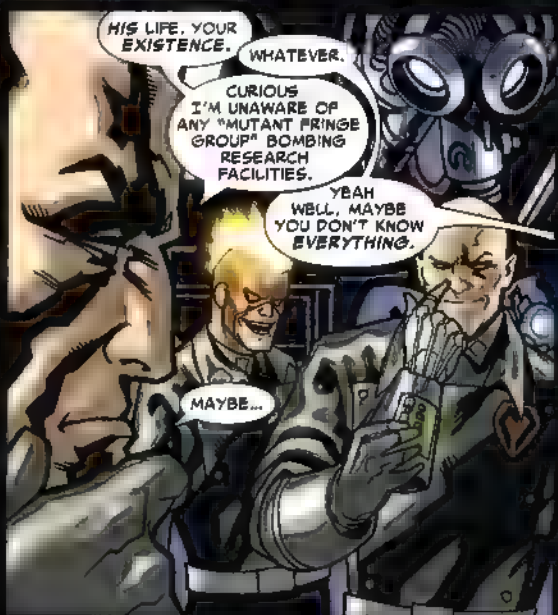
VERY WELL. HOW DID YOUR FATHER COME TO HOOK UP WITH ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS?



NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS...

...BUT HIS RESEARCH FACILITY WAS BLOWN UP BY A MUTANT FRINGE GROUP THAT HATED THE IDEA OF HUMANS ENGAGED IN ANY SORT OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION, NO MATTER HOW BENIGN.

FORTUNATELY, A.I.M. WAS MONITORING THE SITUATION. THEY DUG US OUT... SAVED OUR LIVES.



HIS LIFE. YOUR EXISTENCE.

WHATEVER.

CURIOUS I'M UNAWARE OF ANY "MUTANT FRINGE GROUP" BOMBING RESEARCH FACILITIES.

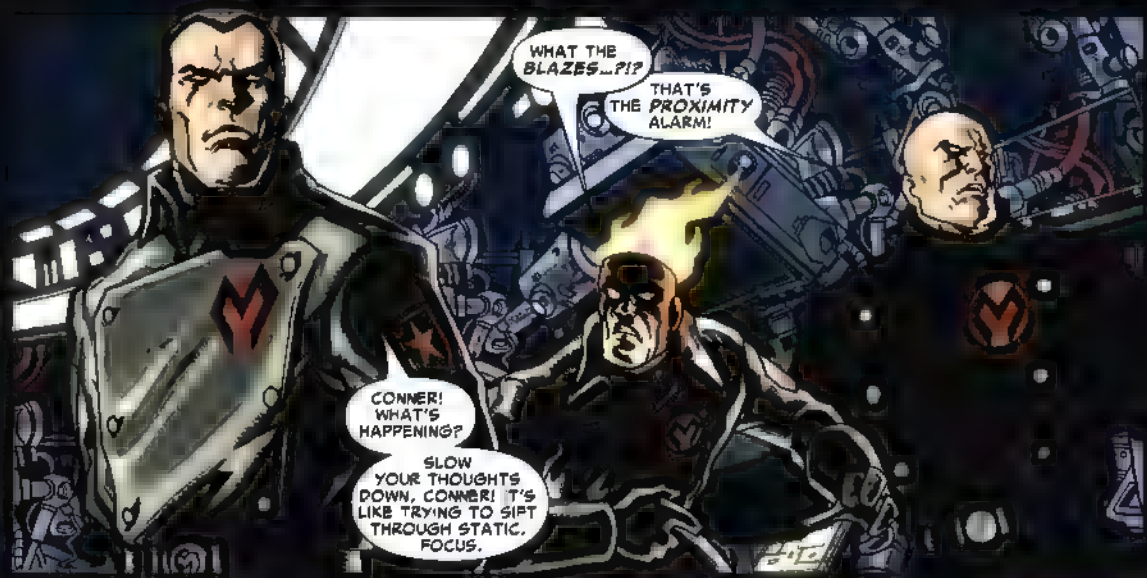
YEAH WELL, MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING.

MAYBE...



OR MAYBE THE BOMBING SUITED A.I.M.'S NEEDS.





WHAT THE  
BLAZES...?!

THAT'S  
THE PROXIMITY  
ALARM!

CONNER!  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?

SLOW  
YOUR THOUGHTS  
DOWN, CONNER! IT'S  
LIKE TRYING TO SIFT  
THROUGH STATIC.  
FOCUS.



THAT  
WHALE CONTACT  
WE HAD? IT  
WAS A BLASTED  
SUB, AFTER  
ALL.

IT GOT  
WITHIN TEN  
MILES OF SHORE  
AND FIRED A  
MISSILE...



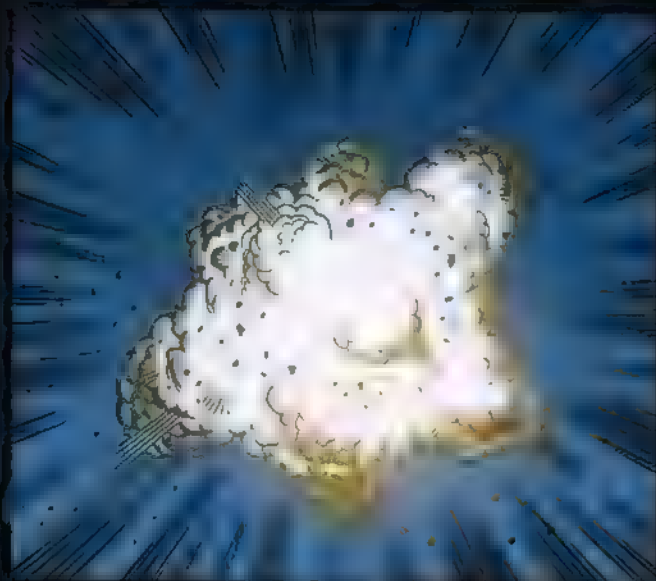
I SEE  
IT.  
DON'T  
WORRY.



I'LL  
ATTEND  
TO IT.







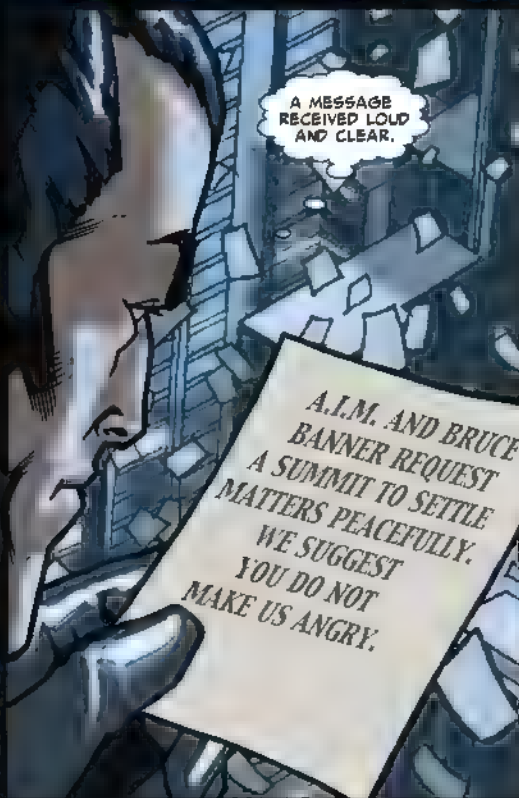
NOW  
WHAT?



STAND  
DOWN THE ALERTS,  
CONNER. THIS WASN'T  
AN ATTACK. IT WAS  
A WARNING  
SHOT



IT  
DIDN'T HAVE  
A WARHEAD.  
IT HAD A  
MESSAGE



A MESSAGE  
RECEIVED LOUD  
AND CLEAR.

A.I.M. AND BRUCE  
BANNER REQUEST  
A SUMMIT TO SETTLE  
MATTERS PEACEFULLY.  
WE SUGGEST  
YOU DO NOT  
MAKE US ANGRY.





THEY'VE  
ACCEPTED.

IT'S A  
TRAP.

NOT IF  
THEY'RE  
SMART.



THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE  
SMART. THEY'RE 'IN CHARGE'  
THEY'RE HOLDING ALL THE  
CARDS, NOT TO MENTION  
MY SON.

AND YET YOU KEEP  
MENTIONING HIM.

I STILL  
SAY IT'S A TRAP.  
IT'S RIDICULOUS TO  
GO IN WITH HAT IN HAND  
WHEN YOU CAN GO IN AS  
THE HULK AND KICK THEIR  
BUTTS OUT OF THEIR  
IVORY TOWER.



YOU'RE YOUNG.  
YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
YET.

I UNDERSTAND  
WHEN I'M BEING  
PATRONIZED,  
THANKS

I WASN'T  
BEING...



OKAY.  
MAYBE  
I WAS. A  
LITTLE.



THE POINT IS THAT  
"VIOLENT SOLUTIONS"  
IS AN OXYMORON.  
VIOLENCE BEGETS  
MORE VIOLENCE,  
ALWAYS

BUT--

ALWAYS.  
TRUST ME.  
I KNOW.



OUR  
GOAL IS TO  
ESTABLISH AN END  
TO PERSECUTION  
OF HUMANS IN  
AUSTRALIA.

UNLEASHING  
THE HULK WILL  
ONLY ESTABLISH THAT  
HE'S THE STRONGEST  
ONE THERE IS, THEY  
ALREADY GOT THAT  
MEMO.

THE HULK  
LIVES TO PROVE  
HE'S SUPERIOR TO ME  
YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE  
HIM A REASON TO DO SO



